

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 11-14 and 20-24 are currently pending in the present application, Claims 15-18 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6-10 and 19 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

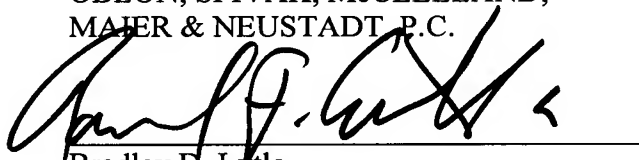
In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Crosby et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,628,928); Claims 16-18 were marked on the Office Action Summary as being objected to, however, no accompanying explanation was given in the Office Action; and Claims 1-5, 11-14, and 20-24 were allowed.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-5, 11-14, and 20-24.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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